

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to provide life insurance cover exclusively to small and marginal farmers in the country.

India's Share in World Export of Cashew Kernels

4985. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the percentage share of India in the world exports of Cashew Kernels?

• THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Export from India of cashew kernels accounts for about 57% of the world export.

[Translation]

Collection of Octroi by Dehradun Cantonment Board

4986. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dehradun Cantonment Board is realising Octroi from the people of the area despite its abolition by Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Assistance of International Finance Corporation

4987. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Finance Corporation has offered to help Indian companies to raise resources from the World Capital Market;

(b) if so, whether it has also proposed to increase its shares in investments in equity in new projects;

(c) whether it has also offered to help the Government of India in operating foreign investment in India;

(d) if so, whether the IFC has agreed to offer its services to the Government through foreign investments advice services; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government to the various suggestions made by the IFC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The International Finance Corporation had discussions with some Indian private sector companies about the possibility of assisting these companies in raising funds from the international capital market.

(b) As per its policy, IFC is always looking for opportunities to make equity investment.

(c) to (e). Preliminary discussions have been held on the possibility of utilising IFC facilities to encourage direct foreign investments.

Production and Export of Granite

4988. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of granite in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have imposed any ban on the export of raw granite; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Exploitation of granite resources is regulated by the respective State Governments. The production data in respect of all the States in the country during the last three years is, therefore, not readily available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Additional Mutual Fund

4989. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) where additional mutual funds are proposed to be promoted on regional basis in order to invest in specific key industries; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Export of Minerals Through MMTC.

4990. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) various minerals exported through MMTC during each of the last three years alongwith quantity and value thereof, mineral-wise; and

(b) the countries to which those were exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Country-wise exports of iron ore, manganese ore, chrome ore, bauxite, coal and barytes effected by MMTC during the last three years are given in attached statement I to VI

STATEMENT-I

Country-wise Iron Ore Export by MMTC

*Qty: Lakh Tonnes
Val: Rs. Crores*

Sl. No.	Country	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91 (P)	
		QTY.	VAL.	QTY.	VAL.	QTY.	VAL.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Australia	0.00	0.00	1.49	5.12	0.00	0.00
2.	China	1.51	3.82	2.51	7.98	5.72	18.82
3.	Germany	6.12	11.29	7.01	18.75	1.05	3.57
4.	Hungary	0.31	0.70	0.10	0.33	0.12	0.46
5.	Japan	104.96	247.25	100.83	333.11	86.01	337.92
6.	Korea, N	3.43	6.20	3.64	7.64	2.73	6.90
7.	Korea, S	31.12	71.53	29.15	71.31	30.73	119.14
8.	Malaysia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.30
9.	Nepal	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07